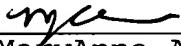


- ☒ Petition for three (3) month(s) extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a). \$475.00 for the extension of time.
- ☐ No fee is required.
- ☒ Check(s) in the amount of \$475.00 is(are) enclosed.
- ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$0.00. This form is submitted in triplicate.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Applicant: BRADY et al. Conf.: 9468
Appl. No.: 09/914,191 Group: 1636
Filed: August 24, 2001 Examiner: Daniel M. Sullivan
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Commissioner for Patents
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March 10, 2004

Sir:

In response to the Office Action issued on September 10, 2003, the due date having been extended for three (3) months to March 10, 2004, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.

The present response contains amendments to specification and claims and remarks.

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